GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proportion of Indian households using the Public Distribution System (PDS) has nearly doubled over the last seven years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these households are relying on the PDS more than ever before in comparison to open market sources, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the monthly per capita consumption of grain bought from the PDS has grown both in rural and urban areas while the amount of grain brought from other market sources has fallen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation's National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in its Consumer expenditure survey collects data on domestic consumption of different food and non-food items. Quantity consumed from PDS and/or other sources is separately collected for rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene. Information on 'Per capita consumption and percentage of households reporting consumption from PDS of rice, wheat/atta, sugar and kerosene' during NSS 61st round (July 2004-June 2005), NSS 66th round (July 2009-June 2010) and NSS 68th round (July 2011-June 2012) for both rural and urban sector at all-India level is given in Annex-I.

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